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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _16 April 2004_.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**.   2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) _40-89_ is/are pending in the application.

    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) _40-89_ is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a)☐ All   b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

      1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

      2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

      3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _4_.

4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the

basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --
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> (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-41, 42/40,42/41, 43-46, 47/40,47/41,47/45, 47/46, 48-52, 53/50,53/51,53/52, 54-58,

59/56,59/57, 60-61, 62/60,62/61, 63, 64/60,64/61, 65/60,66/61, 67/60,67/61, 68-71, 72/69,72/70,

73-87, 88/40,88/41,88/45,88/46,88/73,88/79, 89/40,89/41,89/45,89/46,89/73,89/79, rejected

under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by **Bateman et al**. (US 5,884,032).

As to Claims 40,45-46,50-51,60,70,73,79-87, with respect to Figures 1-3, **Bateman** teaches a

method of establishing a communications call, including:

selecting on-line help agent (a B party) using an interactive device, 4, connected to a

public network, 6 and 9, (Figure 1 and Col. 6, lines 6-13);

accessing called address data for said B party from a public directory of said public

network in response to selecting said B party (Col. 6, lines 31-45);

sending said called address data for said B party and calling address data for a customer

(an A party) to an ACD-MIS system (connection module) of said public network (Col. 6, lines

32-41); and

establishing a call between said A and B parties over said public network using said

connection module and said called and calling address data (Col. 7, lines 5-13).

As to Claims 41,61,69, **Bateman** teaches a method of establishing a communications call,

including:

selecting a B party using an interactive device connected to a public network (Figure 1

and Col. 6, lines 6-13);

searching for called address data for said B party using said interactive device and a

search module of said public network and a database of said public network including called

address data (Col. 6, lines 31-45);

sending said called address data for said B party and calling address data for an A party to

a connection module of said public network (Col. 6, lines 32-41); and

establishing a call between said A and B parties over said public network using said

connection module and said called and calling address data (Col. 7, lines 5-13).

As to Claim 42/40, 42/41, **Bateman** teaches a method as claimed in claims 40 or 41, wherein

said interactive device is a computer and/or telephony device including a visual display (Figure

1, label 4).

As to Claim 43, **Bateman** teaches a method as claimed in claim 40, wherein said interactive device is associated with said A party (Figure 1).

As to Claim 44, **Bateman** teaches a method as claimed in claim 40, wherein said interactive device is a communications terminal for said call (Col. 7, lines 5-13).

As to Claims 47/45, 47/46, **Bateman** teaches a method as claimed in claims 45 or 46, wherein said public network includes a messaging network for connecting a plurality of said interactive device and at least one public telecommunications network, 9, for connecting said A and B parties (Figure 1).

As to Claim 48, **Bateman** teaches a method as claimed in claim 47, wherein said messaging network provides said interactive device with a plurality of B party data (Col. 6, lines 32-45).

As to Claim 49, **Bateman** teaches a method as claimed in claim 47, wherein said messaging network accesses and forwards said called address data to said telecommunications network (Col. 6, lines 31-45).

As to Claims 52,58, **Bateman** teaches an interface as claimed in claim 51, wherein said results includes called address data for said B party data, and said selected party data includes said called address data (Col. 6, lines 31-41).

As to Claims 53/50,53/51, **Bateman** teaches an interface as claimed in claims 50, 51 or 52,

wherein said interface is sent to said interactive device by said public network on request from

said interactive device (Col. 6, lines 1-20).

As to Claims 54-55, **Bateman** teaches an interface as claimed in claim 51, wherein said public

network includes a messaging network, for connecting a plurality of said interactive device, and

at least one public telecommunications network for establishing said call (Figure 1).

As to Claims 56-57,77, with respect to Figure 1, **Bateman** teaches an interface stored on an

interactive device connected to a public network, including:

    code for generating a display on interactive device of B party data (Col. 6, lines 8-20);

    code allowing selection of a B party from said B party data (Col. 6, lines 20-30); and

    code for transmitting to said public network selected party data corresponding to the

selected B party and A party data (Col. 6, lines 25-30);

    whereby said public network accesses called address data for said B party in a public

directory on the basis of said selected party data and establishes a call between an A party and a

B party using said A party data and said called address data (Col. 6, lines 31-55).

As to Claims 59/56,59/57, **Bateman** teaches an interface as claimed in claims 56 or 57, wherein

said public network includes a TCP/IP messaging network and at least one public switched

telephone network for establishing said call (Figure 1).

As to Claim 63, **Bateman** teaches a system as claimed in claim 61, wherein the access module includes directory data from said directory database for display by said A party (Col. 6, lines 32-41).

As to Claims 64/60,64/61, **Bateman** teaches a system as claimed in claims 60 or 61, including a search module accessible by said A party over said network for searching said directory database (Col. 6, lines 1-5).

As to Claims 65/60,65/61, **Bateman** teaches a system as claimed in claims 60 or 61, wherein said call is established with a terminal of the A party which selects said selected B party (Col. 6, lines 1-5).

As to Claims 66/60,66/61, **Bateman** teaches a system as claimed in claims 60 or 61, wherein said call is established with a terminal of the A party which is separate from the terminal selecting said B party (Figure 1, label 2).

As to Claims 67/60,67/61, **Bateman** teaches a system as claimed in claims 60 or 61, wherein the address data includes a party terminal number and security information (Col. 6, lines 44-50).

As to Claim 68, **Bateman** teaches a system as claimed in claim 60, wherein at least one of the calling address data and the called address data includes account information (Col. 6, lines 63-60 and 6-8).

As to claim 71, **Bateman** teaches a server as claimed in claim 70, including a directory database

module for accessing directory data, including communications address data, of parties

connected to at least said public network, wherein the communications address data of said

connect message for at least said B party is obtained using said directory database module (Col.

7, lines 43-61).

As to Claims 74,78, **Bateman** teaches a method as claimed in claim 73, wherein the

identification data is page (name data) (Col. 5, lines 15-22).

As to Claim 75, **Bateman** teaches a method as claimed in claim 73, wherein the directory service

is adapted to access a database of URLs (public communications addresses) stored against

respective identification data (Col. 5, lines 15-22).

As to Claim 76, **Bateman** teaches a method as claimed in claim 73, wherein selection of the

displayed element invokes generation of code on the interactive device to generate and send the

first message (Col. 6, lines 14-24).

As to Claims 88/40,88/41,88/45,88/46,88/73, **Bateman** teaches a network system having

components for executing the steps of a method as claimed in claims 40, 41, 45, 46, 73 (Col. 6,

lines 31-60).

As to Claims 89/40,89/41,89/45,89/46,89/73, **Bateman** teaches a Computer software having

code for executing the steps of a method as claimed in claims 40, 41, 45, 46, 73 (Col. 6, lines 14-

65).

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the

basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
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> (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 40-41,45-46,50-51,56-57,60-61,69-70, 73,77, rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being

clearly anticipated by **Padden et al**. (US 4,979,206).

As to Claims 40-41,45-46,56-57,69-70, with respect to Figures 1-6, **Padden** teaches a method of

establishing a communications call, including:

selecting a target customer (a B party) using a VRU (an interactive device) connected to a

public network (Figure 1 and Col. 6, lines 49-60);

accessing called address data for said B party from a public directory of said public

network in response to selecting said B party (Col. 6, lines 60-67 and Col. 7, lines 1-7);

sending said called address data for said B party and calling address data for a caller (an A

party) to control 10 (a connection module) of said public network (Col. 7, lines 3-15); and

establishing a call between said A and B parties over said public network using said

connection module and said called and calling address data (Col. 7, lines 11-14).

As to Claims 50-51,60-61,73,77, with respect to Figures 1-6, **Padden** teaches an interactive

device for originating a communications call, including:

a display controller for causing display of a desired directory number (at least one B

party) (Col. 5, lines 14-18);

an operator (selector) for enabling a B party to be selected on said display (Col. 5, lines

20-30); and

data link 54 (a link) which on being activated sends selected party data corresponding to

said B party to a DAS/C computer (public network),

whereby said public network accesses called address data of said B party in a public

directory on the basis of said selected party data and forwards said called address data to

connection module of said public network to establish a call with said B party (Col. 5, lines 50-

68).

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed in the 9/2/03 Remarks have been fully considered but they are not

persuasive because of the following:

(a) **Bateman** does not teach a customer selecting an actual agent.

Examiner respectfully disagrees because the argument is not directed towards the claims.

The claims do not recite "a customer selecting". It only recites 'selecting a B party'. In addition,

the claims do not recite a particular B party or an actual party. **Bateman** teaches a customer

which selects a help option (agent).

Examiner believes that the MM50 'Hotlist' is a public directory because it is part of the

Server 28 which is on the Internet (public network) and is accessed by customers (the public) and

seek requests for help (agents) (Col. 7, lines 43-61).

Examiner respectfully believes that all the other arguments were addressed satisfactorily

in the 11/25/03 Office Action.

(b) Examiner respectfully invites Applicants to contact Examiner to discuss possible

amendments for overcoming the prior art of record.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's

disclosure.

Sussman (US 5,483,586) teaches downloading called parties addresses from public databases

and setting up calls to selected called parties.

Sylvan (US 5,915,001) teaches displaying yellow page directory selections to a caller and

dialing a selected called party.

7. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

> Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
> Washington, D.C. 20231
> **or faxed to:**
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> (703) 872-9314, (for formal communications intended for entry)

Or:

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> Arlington. VA., Sixth Floor (Receptionist).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Allan Hoosain** whose telephone number is (703) 305-4012. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Fan Tsang**, can be reached on (703) 305-4895.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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